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**Remarks**

Claims 1, 2, 6 to 29, 41, 44 and 45 are currently pending in this application.

The instant Office Action states that Applicant's previous reply filed on August 9, 2004 is not fully responsive because the response does not specifically point out how the language of claims 44 and 45 patentably distinguish from the references.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing Applicant to correct this omission and accordingly cancels Claims 44 and 45.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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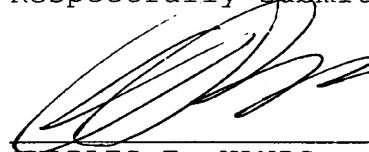
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